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SUBJECT : DEATH OF CROATIAN MILITANT, YVAN TUKSOR

1. AT 10:00 AM ON AUGUST 28, 1976, YVAN TUKSOR, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF CROATIA (H.O.P.) WAS KILLED AS A BOMB EXPLODED IN HIS AUTOMOBILE IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTER OF NICE. EIGHT PEDESTRIANS WERE HOSPITALIZED BY THE VIOLENT BLAST.

2. UPON EXAMINATION, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE BOMB CONSISTED OF A TIMING DEVICE ATTACHED TO AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WHICH WAS PLACED UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT. TUKSOR'S WIFE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE AND IS PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED.

3. FRENCH POLICE STRONGLY SUSPECT POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND TUKSOR'S DEATH. ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS, TUKSOR, WHO WAS BORN UNCLASSIFIED

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4 DECEMBER 1933 AT STRUGA, YUGOSLAVIA, WAS ADMITTED TO FRANCE AS

A "POLITICAL REFUGEE" IN NOVEMBER 1957. HE WAS MARRIED IN NICE ON 31 JANUARY 1959 TO ANDJELKA KLEPAC, YUGOSLAV, BORN 9 OCTOBER 1936 AT ZAGREB. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN FRANCE HE HAS NEVER ATTRACTED POLICE ATTENTION.

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, TUKSOR WAS THE PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNION DES FEDERALISTES CROATES EN FRANCE . THIS ORGANIZATION WAS REGISTERED WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN 1969. IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING CROATIAN FEDERALISTS GOALS EACH YEAR THE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HOLD A MANIFESTATION ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CROATIAN STATE. LAST YEAR TUKSOR WAS NOT REELECTED PRESIDENT DUE TO HIS INSISTANCE THAT THE ORGANIZATION REQUEST FOREIGN STATES TO RECOGNIZE CROATIA AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION. HE WAS THUS NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNION AT THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO CROATIAN SOURCES IN EXILE, TUKSOR WORKED UNCEASINGLY AMONG HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN FRANCE FOR THE CREATION, BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS, OF A CROATIAN STATE AND HE HOPED FOR THE ASSISTANCE, IN THIS REGARD, OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES INTERESTED IN THE LIBERATION OF PEOPLE.

4. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY OF THE COTE D'AZUR HAVE ATTESTED TO THE FACT THAT TUKSOR WAS A WELL-LIKED LOCAL LEADER AND THAT HE HAD NO ENEMIES WITHIN THE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. LOCAL PRESS NOTES THAT IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT EXILE "CROATIAN PATRIOTS" HAVE BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED.

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